

In the appendix, claim text added by amendment is shown with underlining and claim text deleted by amendment is shown in brackets.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would be helpful in advancing the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at (202) 408-4193.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this Supplemental Preliminary Amendment and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account 06-0916.

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APPENDIX

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121(c), Applicants set forth claims 43 and 44 in marked up form. Underlined text indicates additions to the claim, and [square brackets] enclose deletions.

43. A gel according to claim 27, wherein the pigments are chosen from titanium, zirconium and cerium dioxides; zinc, iron and chromium oxides; nanotitaniums; ferric blue; carbon black; calcium salts of acidic_dyes; barium salts of acidic dyes; aluminium salts of acidic dyes; zirconium salts of acidic dyes; [azo dyes; anthraquinone dyes;] pigments coated with silicone compounds; pigments coated with polymers; pigments coated with fluorinated compounds; and mixtures thereof.

44. A gel according to claim 43, wherein the salts of acidic dyes are chosen from the salts of halo-acid dyes, salts of azo dyes, and salts of anthraquinone dyes.